

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Utility Division

(238) In the matter of N2008.6.73-NorthWestern Energy. On June 30, 2008, NorthWestern Energy Corporation filed a request for approval to implement a new Therm billing zone.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the revision of Therm billing zone 13 and addition of Therm billing zone 29. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(239) In the matter of TN2398-VIP Taxi, Inc., Livingston, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 5682 for a six month period, July 5, 2008 to December 5, 2008.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the final suspension as requested. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(240) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of July 7, 2008;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of July 7, 2008. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator,
Legal Division

(241) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Appointing Verna Stewart as Public Service Commission Secretary;

Commissioner Toole moved to appoint Verna Stewart Commission Secretary and in the event of her absence to have her functions be carried out by her designee. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(242) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.62-NorthWestern Energy approval of 2008 Avoided Cost Filing-Schedule QFLT-1;

Commissioner Toole moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's motion for a protective order to govern access to details of monthly coal cost information and monthly supporting invoices in Docket No. D2008.6.62. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(243) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.69-NorthWestern Corporation for Approval of its interest in Colstrip 4 Unit as an Electricity Supply Resource Under Certain Terms and Conditions Including Certain Treatment of Net Operating Losses;

Commissioner Toole moved to grant NorthWestern Corporation's Motion for a Protective Order to govern access to its federal and state income tax returns in Docket No. D2008.6.69 and to waive ARM affidavit. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(244) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.82-NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates;

Commissioner Raney moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's motion for Protective Order in Docket D2007.7.82. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Leroy Beebe, Utility Division

(245) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.8.96-Cut Bank Gas Reconsideration of Application for approval of true-up of gas cost tracking adjustment;

Commissioner Toole moved to suspend the procedural order as recommended by staff. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Greg Jergeson, Chairman

(246) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Application of Title 13, Chapter 37;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve submitting request to the Attorney General for an opinion on the applicability of Title 13, Chapter 37 to Public Service Commission Activities. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner Mood and Commissioner Molnar did not vote.

Commissioner Raney moved to close the debate. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner Mood and Commissioner Molnar did not vote.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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